Congratulations!

The Governor of the Great State of Tennessee has recognized how important your efforts in CoCoRaHS are and has proclaimed the month of November, 2007 to be

Volunteer Weather Observer Month!

The effort of every one of you involved in the program make it so important to the growing economy and well being of the State of Tennessee. The high impact weather we've experienced this year, the exceptional drought across the entire state, has been documented better than any previous event.

Your observations have increased the understanding of the variability of precipitation or lack of rainfall.

The Intense Precipitation Reports are used to justify and verify warnings across the state and help save lives.

Researchers will use your records to study what may be the driest year on record in Tennessee.

Your records may help agricultural producers to recover losses due to the drought.

Forecaster check your collective observations daily as part of the process of generating tomorrow's forecast.

CoCoRaHS in Tennessee continues to grow. We now have at least one observer in 83 of our 95 counties. The total number of observers is approaching 750 across the state with the average number of observations per day over 300. We still need many more observers to fulfill our dream of one per square mile, so please invite other interested weather watchers to join our program and share this email with them.

You can be proud of your efforts and the recognition from the State of Tennessee (see the attachment).

Thanks, Joanne, Craig, Zwemer, & Ralph Tennessee State Coordinator Team